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TO: SAINT, WASHINGTON
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SUBJECT: Alecsei KURGVEL

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1. The following additional information has been obtained from KURGVEL and NEUMANN regarding agents sent to ESTHONIA and LATVIA. (Reference Interrogation Report dated 8 Sep 45, para 3)

ESTHONIA:

In Dec 44, before Christmas, 2 agents were landed on the coast of the GULF OF RIGA by boat. The real names of these men are not known by KURGVEL or NEUMANN, but the cover names of one agent is given as SELMAN. He was an actor from PERNAU.

FAK 166 (M) intended to send two more agents the same night. The real names of these were LEND, Alfred, and PRADITZ, Ants. They did not arrive as their boat overturned. These men were subsequently dropped in ESTHONIA in Apr 45.

LATVIA:

In Dec 44, a group of 3 - 4 agents was landed by speed-boat north of RIGA. This group, known as the SKRAUJA Group, consisted of SKRAUJA, a WT operator, ADAMSONS(?) and others, whose names are now known.

In Mar. 45, it was intended to send a further 5 Latvians and 5 Estonians to Meldekopf LIBAU. The cover names of the 5 Latvians were:

(BRIEDIS ✓
STRAUTINS(?) ✓
PURVINS ✓
BITOLINS or VITOLINS (?) ✓
VELDRE(?) ✓)

VEIDRE was chief agent and instructor. He was not employed on missions. His real name is VECMANIS.

The names and cover names of the Estonians are already known. They were the men forming the "Kamele" Group, which with other groups, was dropped in ESTHONIA in Apr 45. (Ref. War Room Appendix II First Field Report 032/8/JHE/37 dated 8 Jun 4)

The transport carrying these 10 men was torpedoed and, with the exception of one Latvian, all returned to Nienhagen.

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The four Latvians were re-embarked for Meldekopf LIBAU. They duly arrived there, but KURGVEL does not know whether they were given other missions. They were to work in 2 groups, under cover names, which KURGVEL believes were RONIS and SALACE.

2. KURGVEL states that the real names of the Latvian agents will probably be found in his papers which he buried at TODESFELDE. These papers appear still to be at the War Room (see para. 4 Brief BAOR/Int/2428(449) dated 31 Aug 45).

3. NEUMANN states that Lieutenant z. See GRANT, now interned at NEUMUNSTER, could probably furnish further information about these agents.

4. KURGVEL states that it is possible that his agents are still functioning in ESTHONIA, since they have a stock of batteries and have been instructed to transmit weekly. He suggests that they may be useful to the British.

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for Colonel, GS
Commandant CSDIC/WEA

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